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Federer's Wimbledon victory a windfall for Oxfam

The British charity Oxfam has won more than £100,000 (\$155,000, 126,000 euros) thanks to Roger Federer's victory at Wimbledon after being left a bet in a gambler's will.

Tennis lover Nick Newlife, from Oxford, southern England, placed a bet of £1,520 at odds of 66 to 1 almost ten years ago with bookmakers William Hill on Federer winning seven or more Wimbledon titles.

But Newlife died in 2009 and left his entire estate -- including the 2003 betting slip -- to Oxfam, which provides emergency and development aid around the world. The charity can now collect £101,840.

Federer beat Britain's Andy Murray 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 Sunday to join Pete Sampras and William Renshaw as a seven-time Wimbledon champion and rack up his 17th Grand Slam win.

Despite most of Britain rooting for Murray, who was bidding to become the first British Wimbledon men's champion for 76 years, Oxfam said its staff were backing the Swiss tennis star in the hope of



securing the giant windfall.

"All of Oxfam have been cheering Federer's progress for the past couple of weeks," said Oxfam's Andrew Barton.

"The real hero, though, must be Mr Newlife, for his generous gift and his tremendous sporting acumen."

Oxfam, which earlier picked up £16,750 from another bet by Newlife that Federer would win 14 Grand Slam events, hopes the donations will inspire others to give.

It said the latest payout was enough to provide a month's worth of food for 10,000 people hit by the food crisis in west Africa, where millions are affected by a drought in the Sahel region.

Summer starts with some good news from the Ministry of Tourism

As island agencies prepare to wind down a bit for the summer break, Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, delivered a welcome bit of news regarding visitor number from the past two months along with an exciting tidbit to come in the near future.

Minister Oduber welcomed Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman for the announcement that tourism figures are up over last year for the second quarter, which includes two decidedly "off-season" months, May and



Minister Oduber hands PM Eman the figures for May June



Adolfo Boekhoudt of APA, Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes of ATA, Minister Oduber

June.

An overall statistical increase from 2011 in stay-over visitors is 7.5%, with an addition 10,000 cruise passengers arriving on Aruba. The stay-over breakdown, by market is: U.S. 5.3%, Latin America 14.9%, and from Europe a 2.7% increase.

CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority and Director of the Aruba Ports Authority were also present to express their optimism for next year, as Royal Caribbean Cruise lines will be adding an all-year stop in Aruba to their schedule for the 2012-2013 cruise season. Beginning in November, the Horizon will be calling at Oranjestad Harbor on Monday, carrying 1800 passengers. In April, it will be replaced by Monarch of the Seas, with a capacity of 2700 passengers, stopping weekly through November.

"This could mean more than 10,000 additional visitors

to Aruba monthly," commented Minister Oduber. "We are very pleased that Royal Caribbean feels the demand is worth the investment and they have had sufficient feedback from cruise passengers that are willing to pay the extra expense to travel to Aruba and the far southern Caribbean; it certainly says something about the island as a destination."

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New policy with respect to the obligatory submission of CWA

ORANJESTAD -- The Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor hereby informs all employers concerning a new policy which takes effect as of today. This new policy has to do with the obligatory submission of a Collective Working Agreement (CWA) which relates to both parties in conformity with article 23 of the decree "Ordenanza Contractual Colectivo" (AB 1987, GT 9).

In conformity with the article mentioned above, both parties involved in the signing of a CWA are obliged to submit an authentic copy of the CWA to the Minister of Labor. This obligation is valid also in the event there were changes made to an existing CWA. It is also imperative to inform the Minister in writing, as soon as possible, when a CWA has been terminated or has been prolonged. With reference to this obligation, the Minister has announced a new policy.

From now on, only the company involved in a CWA is required to submit an authentic copy of the new CWA or of the amended CWA. This must be submitted in duplicate and in digital format to

the Department of Labor and Investigation and no longer to the Minister of Labor. These documents must be submitted within one week after the signing of such an agreement or after the adaptations of a CWA to the Department of Labor.

Every page of the authentic copy (in duplicate) must be initialized and signed by the authorized persons. The digital copy must be sent to: directiearbeid@aruba.gov.aw and to yvonne.perez@aruba.gov.aw. The company in question must notify the Department of Labor and Investigation, in writing, within one week after signing or terminating a CWA or after prolonging its duration.

For any further information or questions, please call 583-7720 ext. 228 (Yvonne Lee-Perez) or ext 225 (Sharska den Dunnen-Dabian, or ext 237 (Gwendy Kock).

The Minister expects this new policy to result in a central registration, central management and digitalization of all valid Collective Working Agreements.

Data from these CWA's will be used for management and research purposes.

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Fishermen negotiate acceptable solution



Last Friday, Minister Oduber, Chief of Police Dolfi Richardson and the Fundacion Hadicurari, met with fishermen to deal with an unpleasant situation which occurred between them and the local police.

Police Chief Richardson explained the situation to the fishermen where the Police in the course of applying the law regarding the illegal parking on the beach encountered an unpleasant reaction from fishermen. A few fishermen received traffic citations which they protested against. They complained to the Minister about the situation, who in turn called for an immediate meeting to evaluate the situation and to explain the law that the

police must enforce.

After the meeting, it was accorded that the police will allow fishermen to load and unload their boats on the beach, although a special legal exemption would be required to allow this. They will allow fishermen an allotted time period to procure said legal exemption and once that is in order they would be allowed to load and unload their boats without any problem.

The Minister indicated that, indeed, the police must carry out their duties which we must all respect. However, in conversation with the Chief of Police, he indicated that the practice of the fishermen was an old one that had been tol-

rated or overlooked for many years and that it would be helpful to find a transitory solution that would not adversely affect our fishermen.

Police Chief Richardson was immediately open for a potential solution; hence this meeting was called with the fishermen that very same day at 11:30am to try and resolve the situation. It was no one's intention to in any way jeopardize the work of the fishermen, for this reason it was so easy to come up with a solution that was acceptable to all parties and still uphold the law.

Juan Kelly, speaking on behalf of fellow fishermen stated that they are happy that they were able to resolve the problem in such a positive manner.

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received the Aruba Certification Program Certificate of Completion.

The certification program is designed to make those involved in the hospitality industry more cognizant of the history of Aruba, the culture

and traditions, the tourism industry in general, sustainability and how to apply excellent service. The primary objective of this program is to improve the overall Aruba product.

Both students and instructors were pleased with the in-

formation they received and were happy with the certification program. They can now apply what they learned to their jobs or future studies. Minister Oduber was the keynote speaker for the graduation ceremony which followed the

very evening after these students received their certification. Oduber congratulated these young people and reminded them of the importance of education and of their value to our tourism. He praised them for their commitment to Aruba.



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Aruba Scholarship Foundation rejoices again!

Aruba Scholarship Foundation (ASF) proudly announces yet another successful graduate. Edwards Jimenez, a 2009 recipient of the ASF LAC scholarships, this past week received his Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) in Electrical Engineering from the prestigious University of Central Florida. Edwards graduated with "Honors" (GPA of more than 3.5).

Before enrolling at UCF in 2009, Edwards studied at Niagara College of Welland, Ontario, Canada. Edwards has already been accepted into the Graduate School of UCF where he will be pursuing the Master's degree in Electrical Engineering. Edwards is the son of well-known ex-politician Glenda Gil and well-known physician Dr. Eduardo Jimenez-Sosa of the Department of Public Health, Aruba.

Edwards participated in the Latin American/Caribbean (LAC) Scholarship program which UCF recently discontinued.



Edwards Jimenez with Mom and Dad

LAC afforded Aruban students the right to pay Florida residents' tuition. As a recipient of said scholarship Edwards' family was able to save 30 thousand Aruban florins every year that Edwards took to graduate.

Without the help of the LAC program, many Aruban young people would have needed financial help to continue their studies abroad. The Aruba Scholarship Foundation is committed to helping our

young people as far as this is possible, but they are in dire need of funds. ASF is actually collecting funds through the sale of a historic book, "Beginning to Das Ende – The Patrols of the U-156." If you are led to make a contribution, please call a member of the Board of ASF and request your copy of the book which sells for only \$20 or Afs.35. Your contribution will make a major difference in the life of a worthy Aruban student!

Bonaire's Rincon Boyz gets lauded in Aruba



Aruba Minister of Social Affairs, Michelle Winklaar and Deputy of Culture for the insular government of Bonaire, Silvana Serfilia, presented a very

special recognition to the Rincon Boyz musical band. This took place at the end of the first day of the commercial mission organized by the

Bonaire Chamber of Commerce and Aruba's ATIA.

As many as four Ministers of the government of Aruba and two Deputies of the insular government of Bonaire and a representative of the Dutch Kingdom for the BES islands were present for the festive occasion. These government officials together indicated their praise for the manner in which the popular Rincon Boyz promotes the culture of Bonaire in their presentations on Aruba and on the other island of the Dutch Kingdom.

Rincon Boyz has become extremely popular on Bonaire as well as here on Aruba. Interestingly enough, during the speeches offered by the two



governments, it was remarkable to note how that both governments, Aruba and Bonaire, 'claimed' the Rincon Boyz as theirs.

This musical band stirred a "mini parade" as they left the Ballroom of the Westin Hotel



en route to the art gallery where Ministers, Deputies and representatives of the Trade Mission Bonaire-Aruba danced to the contagious rhythms that only they can orchestrate in a typical Bonairian ambiance.

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Summer starts . . .

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Minister Oduber presented the new tourism figures to Prime Minister Eman, who expressed his extreme satisfaction and pride for a job well done by the island's tourism entities. CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and Aruba Ports Authority Director Alfonso Boekhoudt were also on hand for the announcements. Mrs. Tjin Asjoe-Croes told media the ATA will aggressively pursue more cruise ships stopping at Aruba, which now receives around 313 visits to the harbor annually, but can expect an additional 48 with the inception of the new Royal Caribbean schedule. Mr. Boekhoudt reminded the public that the agencies attempting to entice more cruise companies to put Aruba on their schedules can only do so with the full cooperation of the public and vendors who interact with island visitors to make their experience positive and memorable.

by Rosalie Klein

Bon Bini Festival is tonight



The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Bon Bini Festival is the only weekly folkloric event on the island. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature music by the traditional Aruba caha di orgel, folkloric music, dance performance and brass band.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$3.

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BMW confirms plans to build Minis in the Netherlands

-- German car maker BMW confirmed yesterday that it is to start producing the famous Mini car in the Netherlands. The car is currently produced at Oxford in Britain.

Harald Krueger, member of the board of management at the BMW Group, told the Daily Mail the extra volume for its growth plans for the Mini and the complexity of new models means that additional production beyond Oxford's maximum capacity was needed in the medium term.

'Our preferred option is to establish a contract manufacturer as a satellite production as close to our UK operations as possible, at the Nedcar plant in the Netherlands, with whom BMW is in discussions,' he said.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Obama frames tax breaks as key election issue

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama drew sharp election battle lines between himself and rival Republicans yesterday by pressing Congress to maintain tax breaks for most US families but end them for the wealthy.

"We don't need more top-down economics. We have tried that theory. We have seen what happens," Obama said in a White House speech reminding voters of the trillion-dollar tax breaks instituted during president George W. Bush's administration that "benefited the wealthiest Americans" more than others.

"That is why I believe that it is time to let the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans -- folks like myself -- expire," he added.

"I'm not proposing anything radical here. I just believe that anybody making over \$250,000 a year should go back to the income tax rates we were paying under president Bill Clinton, back when the economy created nearly 23 million new jobs, and the biggest budget surplus in history."

With Bush-era tax cuts set

to expire at the end of 2012, taxes will rise for virtually all US households if Congress does not pass new legislation.

Obama gave his remarks amid a fierce 2012 campaign in which his strategy for bringing the economy into fuller throttle in the aftermath of a devastating recession differs sharply from that of his Republican adversary Mitt Romney.

Taxes will play a crucial role in November, and Obama acknowledged as much yesterday.

"In many ways the fate of the tax cut for the wealthiest Americans will be decided by the outcome of the next election," he said.

"My opponent will fight to keep them in place, and I will fight to end them. But that argument shouldn't threaten you," Obama added, suggesting Democrats and Republicans should work together now to extend the tax cuts for some 98 percent of Americans.

Such a move would be unlikely in the Republican-controlled House unless it was part of broader legislation to extend all the tax breaks.

Republicans have made the argument for months that Con-

gress should approve a full extension, and use 2013 as an opportunity to focus on comprehensive tax reform outside the furnace of election-year politics.

"Many members of the other party believe that prosperity comes from the top down, so that if we spend trillions more on tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, that will somehow unleash jobs and economic growth," Obama said.

"I disagree. I think that they are wrong. I believe that our prosperity has come from the economy that is built on a strong and growing middle-class."

Russian official sacked over slack flood response

KRYMSK (AFP) - The first head rolled yesterday over the floods in southern Russia that killed at least 171 people as the authorities blamed local officials for failing to warn locals in time of the looming calamity.

In the worst-hit town of Krymsk where most of the deaths occurred, the locals' anger at the authorities did not subside over lack of information and help as the first victims were laid to rest in a nearby cemetery.

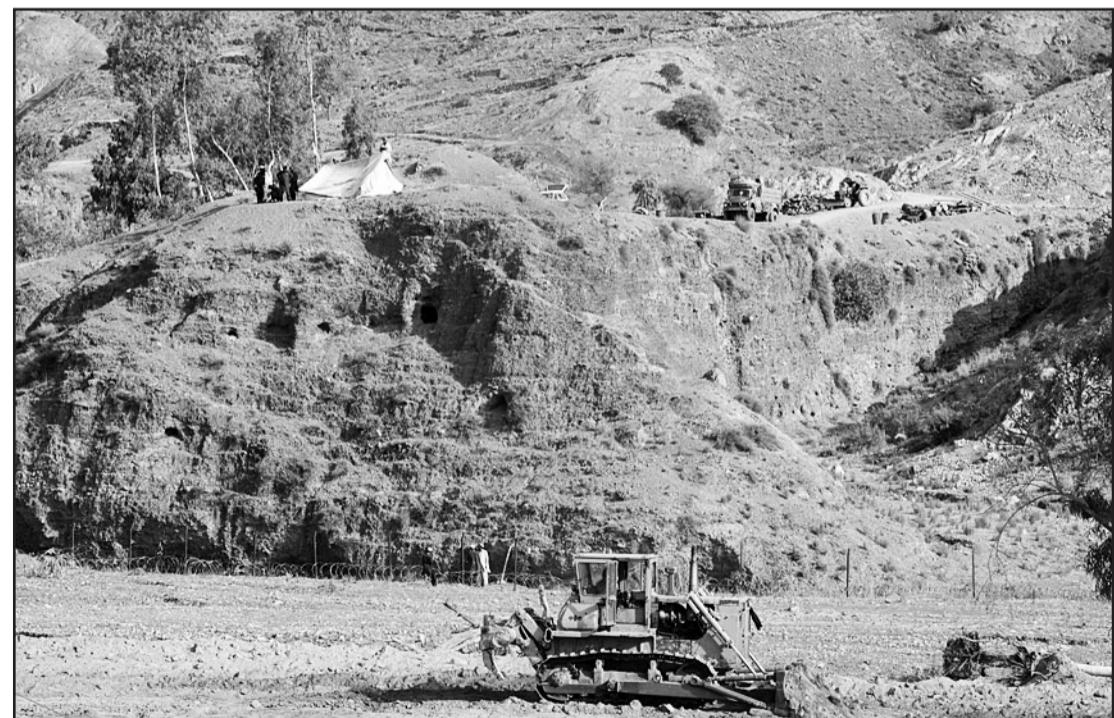
Yesterday was also a day of mourning for those killed by the country's worst flooding disaster of recent history, with flags flying at half-mast over the Kremlin and entertainment programs shelved

on national television.

The region's governor Alexander Tkachev attempted to moderate public fury yesterday by firing the head of Krymsk district, accusing him of failing to carry out responsibilities in a crisis.

Initially he was quoted by his press service as saying that the Krymsk mayor was also fired, however his quote was later modified on the Krasnodar region administration website, explaining it only as a "technical mistake".

"It has been proven that the (Krymsk) district officials received a flood warning at least three hours before it began," Tkachev said at a meeting.



TORKHAM : A Pakistani driver prepares the ground for extension of the Torkham border area on July 9, 2012. Torkham border area is a border crossing between Pakistan and Afghanistan right on the Durand Line border. It connects Nangarhar province of Afghanistan with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan. It is the busiest port of entry between the two countries, serving as a major transporting, shipping, and receiving site. Pakistan is doubling the capacity for NATO trucks at a key border crossing, officials said, to speed up processing for an expected influx of supplies for troops in Afghanistan. (AFP PHOTO)

Repairs could shutter Washington Monument til 2014

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Repairs to the Washington Monument, damaged in last summer's earthquake in the eastern United States, could see it kept closed to the public until 2014, the National Park Service said yesterday.

The 555-foot (169.3-meter) landmark is to be shrouded in scaffolding from top to bottom for the estimated \$15 million project

that should get underway in September, spokeswoman Carol Johnson told AFP.

Completed in 1884, the marble-and-granite Washington Monument welcomed more than 450,000 visitors a year before the earthquake hit. It sustained cracks throughout, but its overall structural integrity remained intact.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN agency: 30% of fish stocks overexploited

ROME (AFP) - Almost 30 percent of fish stocks monitored by the UN's food agency are overexploited, undermining the crucial role sustainable fisheries play in providing food and jobs for millions, a report said yesterday.

"Many of the marine fish stocks monitored by FAO remain under great pressure," the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said in a statement accompanying its 2012 report on world fisheries.

"Almost 30 percent of these fish stocks are overexploited," said the agency, which is urging governments to make every effort to support sustainable fisheries around the world and rebuild overexploited stocks.

"Overexploitation not only causes negative ecological consequences, but it also reduces fish production, which leads to negative social and economic consequences," the report said.



In this handout image released by LOCOG on July 9, 2012, an aerial view of Olympic Rings cut into the grass of Richmond Park, London, England. The rings, which are approximately 300 metres wide and over 135 metres tall, are visible on the Heathrow flight path, ready to welcome athletes and visitors to the London 2012 Olympic Games. The five rings represent the five continents and the meeting of athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic Games.

Europe backs Airbus aid against fresh US attack

FARNBOROUGH (AFP) - Britain, France, Germany and Spain insisted yesterday that they would continue to offer subsidies to the European planemaker Airbus despite renewed US opposition.

At a press conference held at the Farnborough airshow and attended by European ministers, the quartet delivered a statement that said "the WTO (World Trade Organization) appeal process had confirmed that the mechanisms of Repayable Launch (subsidies program) investment offered by European nations were not incompatible with WTO rules."

It added: "Ministers are looking for assurances that the United States will comply with the WTO appeal."

The quartet also hailed Airbus' recent announcement to build its first ever manufacturing plant in the United States, home of arch rival Boeing -- a company that benefits from substantial US government subsidies of its own.

Airbus and Boeing earlier this month traded stinging barbs over the controversial state support for aircraft development, accusing each other of bending the rules.

Airbus was first out of the blocks, rejecting claims by its arch-rival that it had caused job losses in the United States, arguing that Boeing itself was responsible for destroying employment.

Boeing responded in kind, charging Airbus with getting six times the government subsidies it had received.



A father holds his child while riding a bicycle during Car Free Day at the main street in Jakarta July 8, 2012. Since May, Jakarta has increased the frequency of car-free days from twice a month to every Sunday in a bid to bring down the level of carbon emissions in the heavily polluted metropolis, Governor Fauzi Bowo said last month, local media reported. On Sunday, all motorized vehicles will be barred from entering two of the capital's busiest streets - Jalan Sudirman and Jalan Thamrin - from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. on car-free days

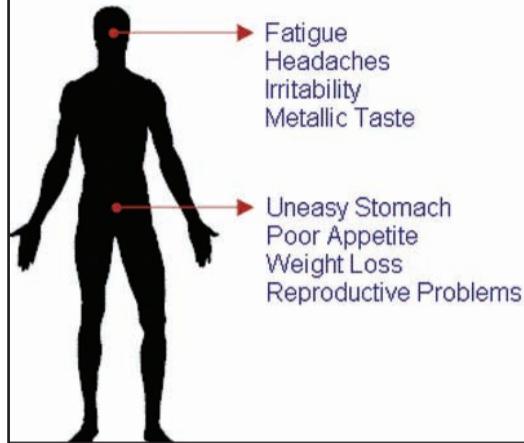


A "Kilik" is seen near a child during the San Fermin festival of "Comparsa de gigantes y cabezudos" (Parade of the giants and the big heads) in Pamplona July 9, 2012. "Kilikis" wear oversized masks as they playfully hit bystanders with sponges on sticks and parade daily through the city accompanied by brass bands during the nine-day-long festival made popular by U.S. writer Ernest Hemingway.

Health & Living

Chinese factories shut amid lead poisoning fears

Early Symptoms of Lead Poisoning



BEIJING (AFP) - Twelve factories in eastern China were closed down after children living nearby were found to have high levels of lead in their blood, state press reported Monday.

While local authorities sought to downplay the significance of the shutdown, it is the latest in a string of incidents to highlight the increas-

ing environmental and health costs of rampant economic development across China.

"All 12 factories, related to metals, chemicals and recycled paper, have been halted for investigation," the government of Jian city said in a statement carried in the

state-run press on Monday.

The controversy surfaced when a boy living near the industrial park containing the factories was found last month to have higher-than-normal levels of lead in his blood, the China Youth Daily reported.

After a further 15 children were discovered to have excess lead levels, worried parents lobbied local authorities

to close the factories, according to the report.

Prolonged exposure to lead can cause nausea and pain within the body, and may damage the heart and kidneys and harm fertility, according to the US Center for Disease Control.

While the government bowed to community pressure in closing the factories, the Jian city government said there was no evidence to show lead had leached out of the industrial park.

It added that the factories had only been closed temporarily.

Grassroots environmental activism is growing in China, with protests against polluting industries occurring frequently across the country.

Violent protests last week by thousands of people in the southwestern city of Shifang forced authorities there to cancel plans for a \$1.6 billion heavy metals plant.

HEALTH TIP:

CPR (or cardiopulmonary resuscitation) is a combination of chest compressions and rescue breathing (mouth-to-mouth resuscitation). If someone isn't circulating blood or breathing adequately, CPR can restore circulation of oxygen-rich blood to the brain. Without oxygen, permanent brain damage or death can occur in less than 6 minutes. If a person is unresponsive and not breathing you need to start cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) right away. Gasping is not breathing! Unresponsive mean appears lifeless, doesn't move or respond when shoulder is tapped. Yell for someone to call Emergency and get started. Cardiac arrest can strike at any age and may be caused by many conditions, including heart attack, suffocation, allergic reaction, drowning, choking, or electric shock.

Quick CPR Reference Card



Step 1

Call your local Emergency



Step 2

Tilt head, Lift chin, Check breathing



Step 3

Give 2 Breaths



Step 4

Position hands in the center of the chest

Step 5

Firmly push down 2 inches on the chest 15 times

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with 2 breaths and 15 pushes until help arrives



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Laws that criminalize gays hurt HIV treatment

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Laws that criminalize gay behavior are among a host of legal tangles that waste resources and hinder an effective response to HIV/AIDS worldwide, an independent commission reported on Monday.

The report by the Global Commission on HIV and the Law also pointed to laws that make sex work a crime, laws that prevent interventions with injecting drug workers, and legislation that denies youths access to sex education.

The commission is made up of former heads of state and top global experts in the human immunodeficiency virus, which has infected 35 million people worldwide. The panel is supported by the United Nations Development Program.

Its report is based on "ex-

tensive research and first-hand accounts from more than 1,000 people in 140 countries," the commission said in a statement.

Other key woes include laws and customs that deny the rights of women and girls, from genital mutilation to denial of property rights to allowing marital rape, because such practices can undermine their ability to negotiate safe sex.

More than 60 countries make it a crime to expose another person to HIV, which can discourage people who think they may be infected from getting tested to find out their status.

In addition, complicated intellectual property restrictions can make it impossible to provide low-cost AIDS drugs to people in need.

78 TB cases at Tokyo elderly care hospital

TOKYO (AFP) - The Tokyo Metropolitan Government said Monday 78 patients and staff at an elderly care center had contracted tuberculosis (TB), including three people who died, a report said.

A follow-up study by the local public health center found a total of 78 infections in the wing, Jiji said without giving a breakdown of how many of them were patients and staff.

Of those, three people have died, including a man in his 60s who was one of the two original TB patients, the report said.

The infections might have spread as the man, who died in April, was seen walking around the wing and spitting on people, according to the report.

It was not immediately clear whether the two other deaths were directly related to tuberculosis, Jiji said.



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Apple loses British suit over Samsung Galaxy Tab

South Korea's Samsung won a patent battle Monday against US rival Apple, with a British judge ruling that Samsung's Galaxy tablet was not "cool" enough to be confused with Apple's iPad.

Britain's high court ruled that the Galaxy tablet made by Samsung, the world's largest electronics company, did not infringe Apple's registered design and that consumers were not likely to confuse it with the iPad tablet.

"They do not have the same understated and extreme simplicity which is possessed by the Apple design," Judge Colin Birss said in his ruling.

He added that the Samsung tablet is much thinner than the iPad, with "unusual details on the back", and gave Apple 21 days to appeal against the de-

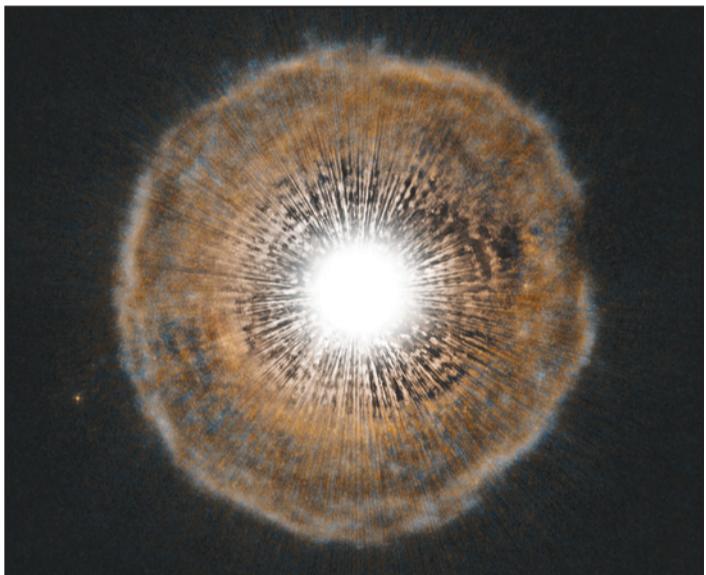
cision.

The iPad holds around 65 percent of the burgeoning global tablet computer market, with the Samsung Galaxy making up around 6 percent of global sales, according to researchers ABI and IHS.

A Samsung spokeswoman welcomed the judgment and warned its rival against further legal action.

An Apple spokesman insisted that the Samsung had stolen designs from the US giant but declined to say whether the firm would be appealing against the ruling.

Apple and Samsung are engaged in a slew of patent suits against each other in international courts, with both companies vying for a bigger stake of the smartphone and tablet markets.



SPACE, - : This image obtained July 9, 2012 shows a bright star surrounded by a tenuous shell of gas in this image from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope. U Camelopardalis, or U Cam for short, is a star nearing the end of its life. As it begins to run low on fuel, it is becoming unstable. Every few thousand years, it coughs out a nearly spherical shell of gas as a layer of helium around its core begins to fuse. The gas ejected in the star's latest eruption is clearly visible in this picture as a faint bubble of gas surrounding the star. U Cam is an example of a carbon star. This is a rare type of star whose atmosphere contains more carbon than oxygen. Due to its low surface gravity, typically as much as half of the total mass of a carbon star may be lost by way of powerful stellar winds. Located in the constellation of Camelopardalis (The Giraffe), near the North Celestial Pole, U Cam itself is actually much smaller than it appears in Hubble's picture. In fact, the star would easily fit within a single pixel at the centre of the image. Its brightness, however, is enough to overwhelm the capability of Hubble's Advanced Camera for Surveys making the star look much bigger than it really is. The shell of gas, which is both much larger and much fainter than its parent star, is visible in intricate detail in Hubble's portrait. While phenomena that occur at the ends of stars' lives are often quite irregular and unstable (see for example Hubble's images of Eta Carinae, potw1208a), the shell of gas expelled from U Cam is almost perfectly spherical. The image was produced with the High Resolution Channel of the Advanced Camera for Surveys.

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85% of 'Coral Triangle' reefs at risk

More than 85 percent of reefs in Asia's "Coral Triangle" are directly threatened by human activities such as coastal development, pollution, and overfishing, a new report warned on Monday.

Launched at the International Coral Reef Symposium in Cairns, it said the threat was substantially more than the global average of 60 percent and urged greater efforts to reduce destructive fishing and run-off from land.

The Coral Triangle covers Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, The Solomon Islands, and East Timor and contains nearly 30 percent of the world's reefs and more than 3,000 species of fish.



More than 130 million people living in the region rely on reef ecosystems for food, employment, and revenue from tourism, according to "Reefs at Risk Revisited in the Coral Triangle".

The International Coral Reef Symposium, held every four years, has attracted more than 2,000 scientists from 80 countries to present the latest

advances in coral reef conservation.

The report by the World Resources Institute, in collaboration with environmental groups WWF, The Nature Conservancy and Conservation International, will be used by the six countries to develop their management of the reefs.

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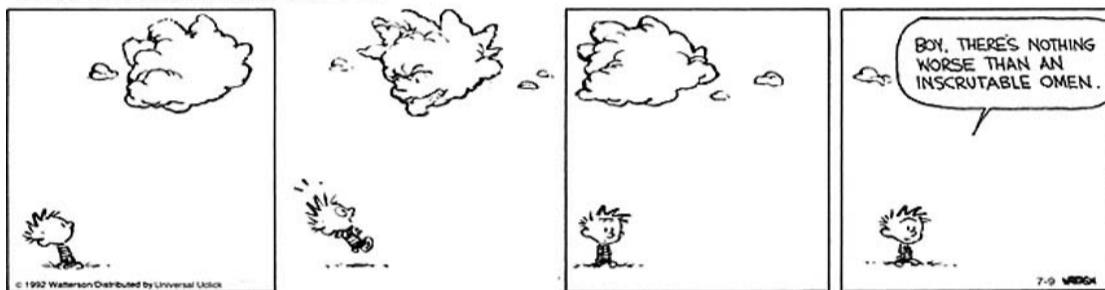
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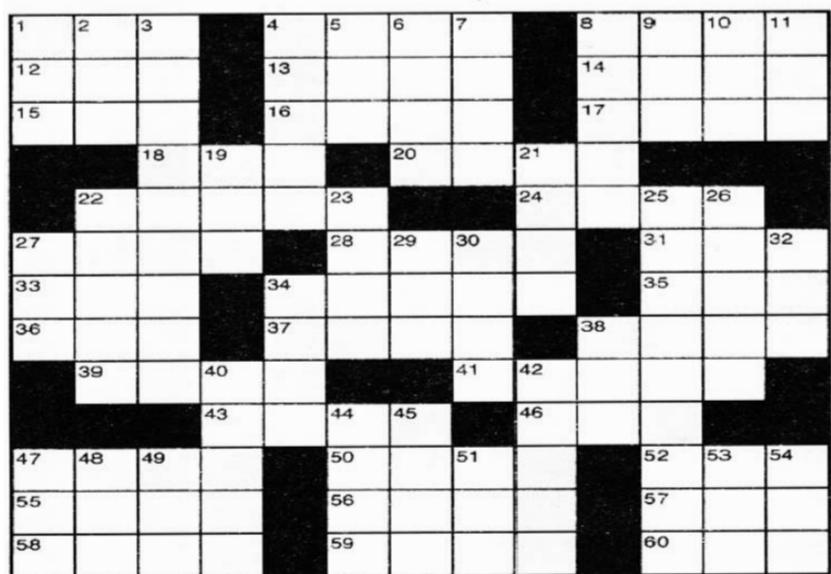
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35. ___ Rita
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48. Not healthy
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53. Enjoy Aspen
54. Cleopatra's

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ECB chief : 'Euro is here to stay'

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The head of the European Central Bank pledged yesterday to do everything needed to preserve the embattled single currency, vowing the "euro is here to stay" and downplaying current market turmoil.

Speaking at the European Parliament in Brussels, Mario Draghi stressed: "The euro is here to stay and the euro area will take the necessary steps to ensure that."

"Why then do we still have tensions in a number of market segments? Let me first stress that a lot has been done at country as well as euro area level in terms of economic reforms and governance. But we need full implementation," he explained.

Draghi called for the eurozone to "move towards a further sharing of sovereignty in the fiscal, financial and economic domains."

Following a cut in interest rates to a historic low of 0.75 percent on Thursday, Draghi insisted that the current market conditions were not as bad as six months ago.

"I have said many times that if you compare today's world with six months ago .. when we were at the closest to a major

credit accident ... the world is a completely different one," he told European deputies.

Draghi reiterated the ECB's view was that there would be a "weakening of growth and heightened uncertainty" in the second quarter of 2012.

Nevertheless, he said that further ahead, he expected the euro area to "recover gradually, albeit with dampened momentum."

Striking a broadly optimistic tone, the central bank chief singled out most crisis-hit governments -- notably Ireland and Portugal -- for progress in their reforms.

"Increasingly, national policymakers make the case for reform strongly," he said.

But Draghi told deputies that for the eurozone to work, individual countries within the bloc would have to cede more responsibility to the supranational level. "Sharing of sovereignty is essential ... there is no way out," he said.

Quizzed about ways to pool debt to ease spiralling borrowing costs, Draghi welcomed the idea of a common debt redemption fund as "intelligent" but stressed it must come at the end of a long process of European integration.

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Canada	CAD	1.72	1.74	1.76
Britain	GBP	2.69	2.74	2.80
Switzerland	CHF	182.10	182.82	183.62
Netherlands	EUR	216.96	218.94	221.14
Sweden	SEK	24.40	25.12	25.92
Denmark	DKK	28.46	29.18	29.98
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Finance

OECD: Advanced economies, China signal slowing activity

PARIS (AFP) - Advanced economies are slowing down, and China is slowing even faster, the OECD warned yesterday on the basis of leading indicators.

The eurozone is again sending signals of below-trend growth, as are Germany and France, Britain which is not in

the eurozone, and Canada.

"In Italy, the composite leading indicators point more strongly to a slowdown," the OECD said.

The indicators for the United States, Japan and Russia are above the long-term trend but again point to slowdown, notably in Russia, the Organi-

sation for Economic Cooperation and Development said.

The indicators are regarded as a reliable guide to turning points in economic activity, and the OECD said that for China and India, they pointed "strongly to a slowdown with economic activity falling below long-term trend."

PepsiCo enters US yogurt market

NEW YORK (AFP) - Global drinks and snacks giant PepsiCo said yesterday it will enter the fast-growing US yogurt market this month, teaming up with a German dairy company to introduce premium European products.

PepsiCo, the US maker of Pepsi-Cola, Frito-Lay chips and Quaker Oaks granola bars,

Low expectations for US corporate earnings

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US corporate earnings season kicked off yesterday with analysts expecting lackluster profits that would underscore misgivings about the state of the broader global economy.

As Alcoa -- the first Dow member out of the gate -- posted a loss of \$2 million for the second quarter, Wall Street analysts expected a one percent fall in profits from the largest 500 firms, according to an S&P Capital IQ survey.

A now-familiar cocktail of global malaise is responsible for the gloom: Europe's ongoing debt and growth crisis, a slowdown in China and a pitiful US domestic picture.

Consumer stocks like Wal-Mart were expected to be hit by a murky jobs outlook and stagnant US customer spending, which accounts for around 70 percent of US economic activity.

MONDAY'S Crossword Answer

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unique dairy products, and there is no better partner PepsiCo could have in order to meet historic US consumer demand for premium yogurt."

Khan said the new brand line will offer US consumers a range of products, including Greek-style yogurt, that "are unlike anything on the market currently."

The venture, Mueller Quaker Dairy, is set to enter the premium yogurt sector in mid-July in the Northeast and middle-Atlantic states.

PepsiCo said it saw strong growth potential in the US market, which has lagged behind other regions, especially Europe, in variety and innovation in dairy products.

US consumption of yogurt and other value-added dairy products is generally less than half that of Europe, the Purchase, New York-based firm said, citing Euromonitor 2011 data.



AHMEDABAD : President and Managing Director for General Motors India, Lowell Paddock, poses in front of a new Chevrolet Cruze during the launch in Ahmedabad on July 9, 2012. General Motors has invested over 1 billion USD in the last 16 years and has employed over 4,500 people directly at its operations across India.

AFP PHOTO

Cruise, Holmes settle divorce, vow to protect child



file photo - Happier days

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes have reached a "private" divorce settlement less than two weeks after she announced their bombshell split, vowing to protect their daughter, a lawyer said Monday.

The Hollywood pair issued a joint statement pledging to act in the "best interests" of their six-year-old daughter Suri, and to respect each other's "beliefs" in her up-

bringing -- an apparent reference to Scientology.

The announcement heads off what some had expected could be acrimonious haggling over the divorce, amid reports Holmes was concerned about the role of the Church of Scientology in their daughter's life.

No details of the settlement terms were given, but Holmes and Cruise's joint statement stressed their desire to protect

their daughter.

"We are committed to working together as parents to accomplish what is in our daughter Suri's best interests," they said in their joint statement, a copy of which was sent to AFP.

"We want to keep matters affecting our family private and express our respect for each other's commitment to each of our respective beliefs and support each other's roles as parents," they added.

Asked about the terms of the settlement, Cruise's publicist Amanda Lundberg reiterated: "They are private."

Cruise has two adopted children with his second wife, Nicole Kidman, and had previously been married to actress Mimi Rogers. The marriage to Cruise was the first for Holmes, who was previously engaged to actor Chris Klein.

'Amazing Spider-Man' scales US box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "The Amazing Spider-Man" scaled to the top of the North American box office this weekend, beating cheeky teddy bear comedy "Ted," industry estimates showed Sunday.

The 3-D flick -- the latest take on the superhero-turned-cultural-icon -- netted \$65 million during its first Friday through Sunday run on the big screen, according to movie tracker Exhibitor Relations.

"Ted," a comedy directed by "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane in which Mark Wahlberg's childhood toy comes to life, came in second place with \$32.6 million in tickets sold.

"Brave," Pixar's 3-D fairytale about a Scottish princess trying to rescue her mother from an evil witch, prevailed in third place with \$20.2 million.

Oliver Stone's drama "Savages" -- based on a Don Winslow novel and featuring a fierce Salma Hayek as the head of a Mexican drug cartel -- debuted in fourth place with \$16.2 million.

"Magic Mike," starring Channing Tatum and Matthew McConaughey as male strippers, dropped to fifth place with \$15.6 million.

Tyler Perry's "Madea's Witness Protection" took the sixth slot with \$10.2 million in sales, while animated hit sequel "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" dipped to seventh place at \$7.7 million.

"Katy Perry: Part of Me" --



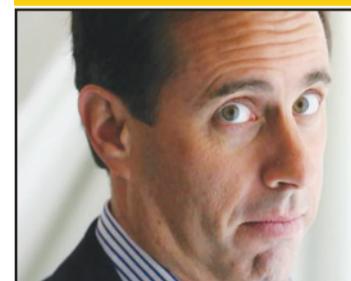
which gives a glimpse into the pop star's life both on stage and off -- started off in eighth place with \$7.2 million.

Ninth went to "Moonrise Kingdom," the latest from director Wes Anderson starring Bill Murray, Bruce Willis and

Edward Norton. The indie coming-of-age film took in \$4.6 million.

Rounding out the top ten was Woody Allen's comedy "To Rome With Love" which earned \$3.5 million. Final figures were due out Monday.

Seinfeld gets cars, comics together for web series



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The American television star and writer Jerry Seinfeld is putting his passion for comedy and cars together and will throw in a caffeine jolt for an original web series to premiere July 19.

Little is known about "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee" beyond a couple of promo videos with Seinfeld behind

the wheel of various well-polished vintage vehicles, accompanied by various fellow comics, all of them male.

But a 58-second video posted on the show's Facebook page on the weekend saw Seinfeld with a Porsche, Triumph, Dodge Charger and Volkswagen Beetle, with Alec Baldwin, Larry David, Ricky Gervais and Michael Richards riding shotgun.

Off-screen, Seinfeld owns one of the biggest Porsche collections in the world, including a Can-Am Spyder racing car for which he paid \$4.4 million at an auction in Florida, Motor Trend said.



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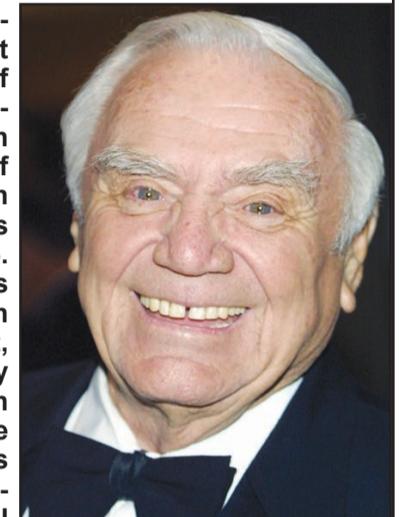
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Actor Ernest Borgnine dies at 95

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Veteran actor Ernest Borgnine, the star of dozens of films and television shows who won an Oscar for his portrayal of a shy butcher in love in "Marty," died Sunday, his manager said. He was 95. Born to Italian immigrants on January 24, 1917 in Hamden, Connecticut, Borgnine was primarily known for his roles in comedies such as the popular TV series "McHale's Navy" and dramas like the World War II film "The Dirty Dozen." The US Navy veteran won an Academy Award for best actor for his role in the 1955 film "Marty," which also took home Oscars for best picture, best director and best screenplay. Borgnine -- who began his career as a stage actor and first shot to prominence in Hollywood when he played Sergeant "Fatso" Judson in "From Here to Eternity" -- was voicing the character Mermaid Man on the animated children's series "SpongeBob SquarePants". The Screen Actors Guild gave him a Lifetime Achievement Award last year.



Welcome Penelope Scotland Disick



Kourtney Kardashian (33) has given birth. The star of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" and her partner Scott Disick welcomed their second child, a girl they have named Penelope Scotland Disick, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center early Sunday and she is now "resting" with her family.

Kourtney said in a statement: "Scott and I look forward to welcoming you very much, our little angel Penelope Scotland Disick. We are blessed. Mommy and baby are resting comfortably." Kardashian told E! News.

Friends and family took to Twitter to congratulate the proud parents--whose 2-year-old son, Mason, is no doubt ecstatic to now be a big brother--and to send their well-wishes.

The reality star's sister, Kim Kardashian, broke the news on her blog: "Welcome to the world, Penelope Scotland Disick! Kourtney gave birth to a beautiful baby daughter on Sunday and the whole family is so thrilled to finally meet her! She is absolutely perfect! I am so excited to be an aunt again and can't wait to spoil little Penelope."

Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates from Boston, Massachusetts, residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second



Rosie and Aaron love their Burger too



Gouda Burger 2

chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh

Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for the owners when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit.

Bon Dia and Welcome to Aruba!

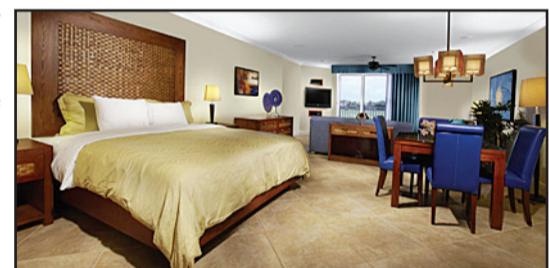


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SPORTS

Olympics: India plots to erase dire medal record



Abhinav Bindra

NEW DELHI (AFP) - With 1.2 billion people and a rapidly growing economy, India should be an emerging Olympic powerhouse -- yet it was delighted with a meagre haul of just one gold and two bronzes at Beijing 2008.

The gold medal, won by Abhinav Bindra in the men's 10-metre air rifle, was the country's first-ever individual success, and it triggered nationwide celebrations.

Now India's coaches are hoping for further signs of progress at the London Games after a concerted campaign to identify and foster young medal prospects.

"Sport was not, and could not have been, a priority in a developing country like ours," Indian former field hockey captain Viren Rasquinha told AFP. "Forget medals, taking part in the Olympics was itself a big deal."

"But not any more. Increased government and private funding has ensured our sportspersons get the best."

Rasquinha, who competed

in the Athens 2004 Olympics but did not win a medal, is chief executive officer of the privately-funded Olympic Gold Quest, set up in 2001 to improve India's dire Olympic record.

"I believe the medals we won in Beijing were a major catalyst for change," he said. "Now others are thinking that if they could do it, so can we. This sense of self-belief has made me confident that the future is bright."

India's performed well in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, finishing an impressive second in medals table below Australia and above England.

But the country faces a long uphill battle to make any mark on the Olympic table, with almost all its sporting enthusiasm still channelled towards the national obsession of cricket.

Hockey, India's one historically strong Olympic event, has declined drastically in recent years and the national team did not even qualify for Beijing 2008.

The team has made it through to London, but they are seen as unlikely to follow in the footsteps of their celebrated predecessors, who won eight team golds, one silver and two bronzes between 1928 and 1980.

Indian stars that the Olympic Gold Quest back include shooter Gagan Narang, five-time women's world boxing champion Mary Kom and badminton player Saina Nehwal -- all of whom are seen as serious gold medal contenders.

The initiative was co-founded by India's six-time world billiards champion Geet Sethi, who believes the country is coming to understand that its growing international prominence should be reflected on the sporting stage.

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"I have found that emotional and patriotic sentiments are high in India when it comes to raising funds for an Olympic medal," Sethi told AFP.

Bindra, who is set for his fourth Olympic appearance at the age of only 29, will carry the weight of national expectation on his shoulders but India's only individual gold medallist is famous for his calm temperament.

He says he has struggled against Indian administrators who have a poor attitude to competing in elite international sport, often taking a pessimistic or parochial approach.

In his recently-released autobiography, Bindra recounts how in 1996, when he was just 13, officials refused to accept his perfect score of 400 at a local tournament because it had never been achieved before in India.

And he said that when he was being kitted ahead of the Beijing Olympics, he was given a size-11 left shoe and a size-8 right shoe. "It's not fine," he said, "just hilarious."

Lakshmi Mittal, one of the richest men in the world, put aside an initial purse of \$10 million to promote sporting excellence in India after watching the country fare badly at the Athens Olympics in 2004.

He saw the investment come good in Bindra and now has high hopes for fellow shooter Ronjan Sodhi, a world record holder and 2010 Asian Games gold medallist in the Double Trap event.

Football: Olympian Solo only warned after positive dope test



COLORADO SPRINGS, (AFP) - Hope Solo, the starting goalkeeper for the defending champion United States women's Olympic football squad, has been given only a warning after a positive doping test.

The US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) announced the violation and punishment on Monday, 16 days before the Americans are set to open their Olympic campaign against France in Glasgow, Scotland.

Solo, 30, tested positive for canrenone in a random urine sample taken last June 15.

But canrenone is classified as a specified substance, allowing for sanctions against an athlete to be reduced if found in a sample.

Solo was taking a prescribed medication in a therapeutic dose under the care of a physician and the medication, when metabolized, resulted in the adverse analytical finding, according to USADA.

"I took a medication prescribed by my personal doctor for pre-menstrual purposes that I did not know contained a diuretic," Solo said in a statement.

"Once informed of this fact, I immediately cooperated with USADA and shared with them everything they needed to properly conclude that I made an honest mistake and that the medication did not enhance my performance in any way."

A meaningful ban of any sort would have kept Solo out of the Olympic squad but accepting a warning allows her to play.

USADA chief executive Travis T. Tygart indicated that he felt the lack of a ban was justified in Solo's case.

"As in all cases, we thoroughly investigate the circumstances and always do what is fair and right for clean athletes and the integrity of sport," he said.

US Soccer was quick with a statement of its own in support of Solo.

"After discussions with Hope, we fully support her clarification that the positive test for canrenone was due to the use of a prescribed medication from a personal doctor for pre-menstrual purposes and not related to performance enhancement in any way," US Soccer said in its statement.



NEW YORK - Race For Water, Foncia and Musandam Oman Sail pass lower Manhattan after the start in the KRYSTAL Ocean Race on July 7, 2012 in New York. Five identical multihull boats took off Saturday from New York in a trans-Atlantic race to the western French city of Brest expected to last about a week.

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Cycling: Judge dismisses Armstrong lawsuit against USADA

AUSTIN (AFP) - A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed Monday by seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong against the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) but said that he can refile it within 20 days.

US District Judge Sam Sparks criticized Armstrong's lawyers for the 80-page filing in tossing it out, saying it smacked of a public relations move rather than a challenge to the body that imposes doping sanctions on US athletes.

But Sparks also said he was not ruling on the merits of the lawsuit and said that the US cycling legend was welcome to once again present it.

Armstrong hoped to prevent USADA from pressing on with doping charges against him. Armstrong has until Saturday to challenge USADA's charges through a hearing with a three-member arbitration panel or accept sanctions.

Instead, Armstrong hoped to turn the entire system on its head, challenging USADA's jurisdiction in his case and the legitimacy of its rules.

Armstrong's legal move, coming in the US cycling legend's hometown, claimed USADA rules are a violation of his US constitutional right to a fair trial.

Armstrong, who has denied ever using performance-en-

hancing drugs, also claims that USADA chief executive Travis T. Tygart is pursuing a personal vendetta against him.

Armstrong, who won the Tour de France from 1999 through 2006 and has since retired from cycling, could be stripped of his Tour de France triumphs and banned from the sport for life if convicted.

"It is a testament to USADA's brazenness and callous disregard for its own mission that it seeks to strip Mr. Armstrong of his life's work," Armstrong's attorneys said in the lawsuit.

"The process (USADA) seek to force upon Lance Armstrong is not a fair process and truth is not its goal."

Armstrong wanted Sparks to issue an injunction banning USADA from pushing its case to an arbitration hearing, the

next step in procedures that could lead to the case being settled by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Armstrong's lawyers called USADA's hearing procedure a "kangaroo court" and said that Armstrong would not be able to launch a proper defense against the charges under USADA rules and would face irreversible harm if USADA proceeds.

Tygart, in a statement, said Armstrong's lawsuit is part of a bid to hide the truth about his misdeeds.

USADA charged Armstrong last month with being part of a doping conspiracy during his years as Tour de France champion, the move coming four months after a two-year US government probe into Armstrong ended with no charges made.



BESANCON (AFP) - Bradley Wiggins tightened his grip on the yellow jersey with a maiden Tour de France stage victory that heaped the pressure on defending champion Cadel Evans Monday. Britain's Olympic track champion Wiggins was widely expected to increase his overnight lead of 10sec on his Australian rival on the first of two long time trials to feature in the 99th edition of the race. But by the end of a 41.5 km solo ride that had seen former four-time world champion Fabian Cancellara finish 57sec in arrears, Wiggins had pushed his advantage over the Australian to 1min 53sec.



CARACAS - Alexey Shved (C) of Russia, struggles for the ball with players of Nigeria during their Pre-Olympic basketball game in Caracas on July 7, 2012. Russia won 85-77 and ensures his qualification to London 2012 Olympics. AFP PHOTO

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Football: Indonesian is new DC United top investor: report

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Erick Thohir, an Indonesian media magnate and part-owner of the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers, is the new majority investor for Major League Soccer's D.C. United, the Washington Post reported on Monday.

In a posting on the newspaper's website, the Post reported the team will announce on Tuesday that Thohir, the first Asian part-owner of an NBA club, is United's new main investor.

ESPN had reported that another 76ers part-owner, former agent and Sacramento Kings

executive Jason Levien, will join Thohir as an investor in United, which has been backed the past three years by Will Chang, who will keep a stake in the team.

Kevin Payne, who has been president of the club since it launched along with MLS in 1996, is expected to remain in control of the team's basic operations, according to the report.

Thohir owns newspapers, television stations and radio stations as well as magazines in Indonesia, where he also has a financial stake in basketball.



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South Korea's Choi wins US Women's Open



KOHLER (AFP) - South Korea's Na Yeon Choi won the US Women's Open on Sunday, showing a champion's resolve in the face of adversity to claim her first major title.

Choi, 24, fired a one-over 73 at Blackwolf Run for a seven-under total of 281 and a four-shot victory over another South Korean, Amy Yang.

Choi had gone into the final round with a six-shot lead thanks to a remarkable 65 in Saturday's wind-whipped third round.

Yang carded a one-under 71 for a three-under total of 285, with no other players finishing under par for the event.

Choi's triumph came on the same course where Se Ri Pak won the 1998 US Women's Open, a victory Choi recalls

watching on television as a girl.

"And 14 years later I'm here right now, and I made it," Choi said.

"My dreams come true. It's an amazing day today, and I really appreciate what Se Ri did and all the Korean players, they did. It's really no way I can be here without them."

Pak was among the players who rushed out to spray Choi with champagne and hug her after the last putt dropped at 18.

"She (said), 'Hey, Na Yeon, I'm really proud of you. You did a really good job, and you (were) really calm out there,'" Choi said. "She talked to me a lot, and she was hugging me."

Despite the big lead she took into the round, Choi had

plenty of work to do on Sunday, especially after a triple-bogey eight at the par-five 10th hole.

Her tee shot was left into deep rough and after she was unable to find her ball she returned to the 10th tee.

Yang, meanwhile, parred the hole to cut the deficit to two shots.

Choi bounced back with a birdie at 11, but was in trouble again at 12, where her approach shot ended up in tall, dry grass short of the green.

She chipped out and found the green, rolling in a 20-footer to save par.

At 13 she had a narrow escape when her tee shot headed toward the water but along the rocks and stayed dry.

She picked up birdies at 15 and 16 to regain control.

Choi, who came into the tournament ranked fifth in the world, claimed her sixth LPGA title and her first major. She is projected to rise to number two in the world when the new rankings are published on Monday.

Until Sunday, Choi had eight major top-10 finishes, including a tie for second at the US Women's Open in 2010.

Choi became the fourth South Korean to win the event in the past five years, following Inbee Park in 2008, Eun-Hee Ji in 2009 and So Yeon Ryu last year.

Mancini extends Man City stay



LONDON (AFP) - Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has agreed terms on a new deal that will keep the Italian at Eastlands for another five years, the English Premier League champions said Monday.

"The deal, which runs until the summer of 2017, follows the club's most successful season in more than four decades, which concluded in the most dramatic of circumstances in the team's thrilling 3-2 win over Queens Park Rangers in May this year," said a club statement.

That victory, on the final day of the season, saw City crowned champions of England for the first time in 44 years as they pipped local rivals and defending title-holders Manchester United to the Premier League trophy on goal difference.

Former Inter Milan boss Mancini replaced Mark

Hughes, now in charge of top-flight rivals Queens Park Rangers, when the Welshman was sacked in December 2009.

In his first full season with City, Mancini ended the club's 35-year wait for major silverware by guiding the team to the FA Cup and also secured Champions League football with a third-place finish in the Premier League.

"I am delighted to be able to give all of my efforts to Manchester City for a further five years," Mancini told City's official website on Monday.

"The opportunity which exists to build on our recent success is enormous. Manchester City is a fantastic football club, from the owner, chairman, board and the executive team, through to the players, staff and fans," the 47-year-old former Italy forward added.

"I am very much looking forward to the challenges and excitement ahead."